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Status quo for transit

City will allow time
for reorganization
of OC Transpo services

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Despite a report that finds it has the lowest passenger service satisfaction of all major Canadian cities, Ottawa will not consider revamping transit under a separate commission.

A city committee opted yesterday to allow time for a recent reorganization of transit services to bear fruit rather than follow a consultant's recommendation that it form a transit commission to fix OC Transpo's below-average ranking in terms of cost recovery, cost effectiveness and on-time performance.

"What we've seen here is that we don't compare well against commission or committees, but our only answer is to change what we do internally," said Mayor Larry O'Brien.

A recent transit union report advised wholesale changes to the governance of a city system that it deemed in "crisis." But the city has made "significant" organization

changes that it "needs to take some time to see what comes of it," said deputy city manager Nancy Schepers.

For example, this month responsibility for fleet maintenance and finance shifted to transit services director Alain Mercier. But "you are not going to see the benefit for some time," Schepers said.

The key findings of the \$120,000 consultant's report found that OC

Transpo lacked a single point of accountability, with the roles of council, the transit committee and management being not well-defined.

The report identified five different models for running OC Transpo, including various reorganizations within city hall and commissions.

Wendy Turpin, who presented the report, said a commission would be more accountable and transparent.

"The status quo did not (present) the best service and accountability and should not be considered moving forward," Turpin said.

But Coun. Diane Deans questioned the accountability of a commission when the board members do not have to answer to riders.

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white paper

» The committee has asked the city solicitor and city clerk to prepare a white paper on transit committees and commissions to be delivered for the mid-term governance review.



ETIENNE RANGER/METRO OTTAWA

Fiery Fringe

If you're going to work for the Fringe Festival, it's good to live on the edge. Festival technical director Jon Lockhart — who is also a fire eater and a professional juggler for the company Nickel Kicker — helped warm up the launch event with a little fire-breathing last night. The festival begins in earnest today. See Metro's preview coverage on page 18.



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Boy, 15, charged in stabbing

Accused himself also stabbed in suburban brawl

By TRACEY TONG
Metro Ottawa

A 15-year-old boy is now charged with attempted murder following a pair of weekend stabbing incidents in suburban Ottawa that police believe were related.

On June 13, a 17-year-old victim was stabbed several times in the chest by a youth in the Beaverbrook area of Kanata. Police allege the suspect in the attack is the accused, who was himself stabbed in what police believe was retaliation for the attack on the 17-year-old.

Police continue to search for another suspect who will

also face charges.

The 17-year-old victim was hospitalized over the weekend for his wounds. Police charged the 15-year-old suspect after he was treated

and released for his injury. Charges against the boy include attempted murder, uttering death threats, possession of a dangerous weapon and failure to comply with court orders.

Police are also still investigating a stabbing in the Ramsey Crescent area on Tuesday morning. A 24-year-old man was stabbed repeatedly in the legs and treated for non-life-threatening injuries in hospital.

Knife crimes are not only on the rise in Ottawa, but across the country, said Ottawa Police Staff-Sgt. Mike Callaghan,

with the city's youth crimes and Guns and Gangs unit.

Ease of concealment and accessibility are two reasons why knives are weapons of choice, he said.

"It's not like trying to get a hold of a firearm or something like that," he said. "And the penalty of using a firearm is much more significant than using a knife."

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knife legislation

» The Conservatives' proposed knife legislation to make mandatory minimum sentences for knife crimes was prompted by the 1998 stabbing death of University of Ottawa engineering student Andy Moffitt, who died breaking up an altercation.

City accelerates cycling plans

First phase of 20-year plan fast-tracked

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Ottawa's cycling plan is shifting to a higher gear.

The timeframe for implementing the first, \$26-million phase of Ottawa's 20-year plan to improve its cycling amenities — including more bike lanes and multi-use pathways — should be completed in five years rather than the original 10-year schedule, a committee decided yesterday.

"Cycling is an important part of the city, and we are under tremendous pressure to improve and expand our facil-



Graham Steirling, 18, Brian Kirsipuu, 19, and Zack Jionet, 20, ride on a Rideau Canal pathway yesterday. The trio commute daily from the St. Laurent area to downtown for work.

ties," said Coun. Alex Cullen.

Cullen proposed spending \$5 million a year on improvements, rather than \$2.5 million proposed by the original plan, with the money mostly coming from the capital budget. Cullen said it

does not necessarily equal a property tax increase.

Phase two carries an estimated \$60-million price tag. The cycling plan will add 160 kilometres of routes over five years, based on a main spine running through the city

that's linked by community routes starting in 2009.

The new timeframe delighted most advocates who attended the transportation committee meeting yesterday, although some expressed concern that the plan left a hole in the centre of the city.

Between Preston Street and the Rideau Canal, and from the Ottawa River to Gladstone Avenue, the plan is blank and won't be filled until the Transportation Master Plan is completed, said Alayne McGregor, a past president of Citizens for Safe Cycling.

The city will also consider a smart bike program that will allow people to rent bicycles for a small fee.

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Disabled protest reduced service

Para Transpo scaled back as of Sunday

By TRACEY TONG
Metro Ottawa

Reduced Para Transpo services this summer will hinder the ability of disabled transit users to live their lives, a group of residents with disabilities said yesterday.

Starting Sunday, OC Transpo's scaled back summer schedules, including those for Para Transpo, come into effect. For people with disabilities, Para

Transpo is a lifeline that can't afford any other cutbacks since the service is already stretched, said

Catherine Gardner, who organized a demonstration by transit users with disabilities who are concerned over reduced service.

"The cuts are just for the summer, but they can't meet the demand now," Gardner

said. "We need our drivers on the road."

Other protesters agreed. Sandy Hill resident Chris Binkowski said he took Para Transpo for years before switching to the regular transit system.

"It's too awkward to use because of the wait," said the 28-year-old. "You have to plan ahead."

On the road with his wheelchair since May 5 for his Get Mobilized March to raise awareness of the lack of transit for people with disabilities,

London resident Jeff Preston said Para Transpo in Ottawa is constantly overbooked.

And it's not just Ottawa, said the 24-year-old, who suffers from a rare form of muscular dystrophy.

"The situation is the same everywhere. People with disabilities have fewer options when it comes to transportation."

More people taking the bus: Report

Riding the bus in Ottawa has never been so popular.

According to the first annual OC Transpo Performance Report, there were more than 17.2 per million passenger trips taken on

buses or the O-Train in 2007, representing a four per cent increase over 2006. The increase the previous year was 2.6 per cent.

According to the report, 63 per cent of riders rated

OC Transpo's overall service "good" or "very good." That's up from 45 per cent overall service satisfaction recorded in a spring 2007 Decima survey and four times as many as those who

considered it "poor" or "very poor."

However the overall satisfaction is far below the average for other Canadian cities, which is 81 per cent.

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City top jazz fest?

By TRACEY TONG
Metro Ottawa

Should Montreal stand down?

An exceptionally strong roster of performers this year has Ottawa International Jazz Festival organizers flirting with the idea that perhaps the city's event is outpacing the Montreal Jazz Festival.

"We've managed to pull off the most impressive collection of jazz in history," executive producer Catherine O'Grady said.

From the traditional to the avant-garde, the festival is expected to draw 175 000 to the

city over 12 days for performances by heavyweights of the genre.

W y n t o n Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra kick things off tomorrow at Confederation Park. Grammy Award winner Herbie Hancock (album of the year), Chick Corea, clarinetist Buddy DeFranco and Gladys Knight are all playing this year's festival.

"We've got all the jazz greats here at one time," she said.

The festival is held in dozens of venues across the city. There are free shows, which will ease newcomers into the world of jazz at the World Exchange Plaza, the Rideau Centre, Confederation Park's Elgin Street Stage and during the Canada Day festivities. For the second year this Sunday, Youth Day, devoted to sharing talents of local young people, is expected to be popular. O'Grady said.

"It's a day to celebrate the fabulous young talent we have in the community," she said. "There's a lot of interest among teenagers for jazz. We've sold a record number of student passes this year."

The festival runs 'til July 1.

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Highlights

- Two new eastbound trips will be added, departing Tunney's Pasture around 6 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- Two new late trips will be added, departing Trim Park & Ride around 1 a.m. and 2 a.m., which will accommodate employees in the Taylor Creek and Cardinal Creek Industrial Parks.

Ride Free After 10 p.m. on Canada Day

On July 1, after 10 p.m., your transit ride is **free** with OC Transpo and STO. Extra service will be added throughout the day to the O-Train and to routes 1, 2, 7, 8, 85, 86, 85, 96 and 97, and extra service will be added in the late evening to many routes including the O-Train. Watch for more details carried on the buses next week.

Fare Reminders

- New ticket and pass prices go into effect July 1.
- OC Transpo offers a range of passes: daily, monthly, semester and annual, as well as the new Annual Seniors 65+ pass.

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Holiday Office Hours

The Telephone Information Centre (613-741-4390) will be open on July 1 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on August 4 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Customer Relations (613-842-3600) will be closed July 1 and August 4, and will be on summer hours, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., weekdays from June 30 to August 29.

OC Transpo Sales and Information Centres will be closed July 1 and August 4, with the exception of the Rideau Centre office, which will be open from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. on July 1. Note that the offices at Lincoln Fields, St. Laurent and Place d'Orléans Stations will be open on Saturday, June 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Vehicle break-ins dropping, police say

Thefts from vehicles are decreasing across Ottawa, with the exception of the city's east and south ends, police say.

"It's not a huge spike, but we haven't seen the decrease (in thefts) here as we've seen across the city," said Staff Sgt. Ian Kingham.

"With the warm weather and you're

lock up

» Unlocked vehicles allow easy access for culprits who quickly rummage for loose change and items

To reduce the risk of a vehicle break-in, police are asking owners to lock their cars, keep valuables out of sight, park facing the street so that anyone tampering with your vehicle is more noticeable and install an anti-theft device.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

parliament

Relocating gallery faces new motion

DEWAR An Ottawa MP stepped up his fight to keep a national portrait gallery in the city by introducing a motion yesterday to have Parliament approve any attempts to relocate it.

On Monday, Ottawa Centre New Democrat MP Paul Dewar had tabled a set of petitions with hundreds of signatures from across Canada calling on the government to keep the gallery in the capital and with his motion yesterday demanded that a democratic process decide the gallery site rather than "an unelected, secretive committee appointed by the government."

Ottawa is vying against other cities in a national competition to land the gallery.

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Provincial cabinet shuffle looms

Smitherman tabbed to head 'super-ministry'

A sputtering economy and energy concerns have prompted Premier Dalton McGuinty to put George Smitherman in charge of Ontario's \$26.3-billion nuclear

expansion and its \$60-billion upgrading of transit, roads and infrastructure.

McGuinty is announcing a cabinet shuffle tomorrow in which veteran MPP Gerry Phillips steps down as energy minister, with Smitherman, now minister of health, taking on his job and the former duties of Public Infrastruc-

ture Renewal Minister David Caplan, government sources say.

The dual role in an energy

and infrastructure super-ministry will "shore up" both fields at a critical time, a senior government source told

Torstar News Service, as opposition parties raise concerns about mounting layoffs and the ability to keep the lights on in Ontario.

Caplan, whose post included overseeing public-private partnerships to build and renovate dozens of hospitals, takes over from Smitherman in Health — a

portfolio his mother, Elinor Caplan, held from 1987-90 under former premier David Peterson.

In Los Angeles on a trade trip, McGuinty confirmed to Torstar News Service he will be making a major announcement tomorrow but wouldn't tip his hand.

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Group challenges environment policy

An environmental group asked a federal court yesterday to order the Tory government to replace its climate change plan with one designed to meet Kyoto Protocol targets.

Backed by every opposition party, a Liberal bill that was supposed to require the Tories to create a plan to meet Kyoto emissions targets became law in 2007. But the Conservatives opposed it, saying it could trig-

ger an "economic collapse." The plan the government introduced in August ignored the Kyoto mandates.

"All government action must comply with the law," the group that launched the legal challenge, Friends of the Earth, wrote in its court submission.

"The will of Parliament is paramount and no administrative or executive authority is entitled to contravene it."

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RCMP to curb Taser use

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said yesterday it would curb the use of Taser stun guns after the federal force's watchdog issued a stinging report accusing officers of zapping suspects unnecessarily.



Kennedy

"Our recommendations are designed to hold the RCMP publicly accountable for its use of a weapon that has caused considerable apprehension among Canadians, and to control usage creep," said Paul Kennedy, who chairs the commission on public complaints against the RCMP.

"This is a time for a more conservative use of this weapon," he said at a news conference, saying the Taser was now being used in "highly inappropriate" circumstances.

REUTERS

Vitrification safe: Study

Women who want to put motherhood on hold may soon be able to deep-freeze their eggs and store them indefinitely without worry.

University rapidly freezes eggs to prevent damaging ice crystals from forming.

The study, published in the journal Reproductive Bio-Medicine Online, is the largest to date to look at outcomes of vitrification. Researchers have found the incidence of birth defects was about 2.5 per cent — comparable to rates found in children conceived naturally or by in-vitro fertilization.

Vitrification, a patented technology refined at McGill

University, rapidly freezes eggs to prevent damaging ice crystals from forming.

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»news In Brief

» **POLITICS** The federal heritage minister should not have the power to decide which films and television shows get public money, Liberal senators said yesterday. Senators Francis Fox and Wilfred Moore said that they and their colleagues will use their Senate majority to amend the bill, already passed by the House of Commons.

» **HEALTH** The 2007 Canadian Community Health Survey, released yesterday by StatsCan, revealed that 4.1 million Canadians aged 12 or older are without a family doctor. The report also said that recent immigrants, women, the poor and the young were all more likely than the bulk of Canadians not to have a regular doctor.

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The new game in Correns, a village in Provence suddenly hit by media frenzy since Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, left, moved into a nearby villa, is to make up stories about the couple for the paparazzi.

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Bush wants more offshore drilling

President urging U.S. congress to overturn ban

U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday urged Congress to end a ban on offshore oil drilling, responding to consumer anxiety over record-high gasoline prices with a plan sure to anger environmentalists.

"Every American who drives to work, purchases food or ships a product has felt the effect. And families across our country are looking to Washington for a response," Bush said.

As average U.S. pump prices pierced the \$4-a-gallon level for the first time this month, up more than \$1 from a year ago, energy policy has become a key issue in the presidential race ahead of

opposition

» Environmental groups have long opposed expanded offshore oil drilling, raising concerns about the dangers to fragile ecosystems as well as a potential for oil spills.

November elections.

Bush said opening federal lands off the U.S. coast — where oil drilling has been banned by both a presidential executive order and a congressional moratorium — could yield about 18 billion barrels of oil.

The short-term impact on oil prices is open to debate. The prospect of more energy supply down the road could calm nervous traders who see a looming global oil crunch, but any actual supply would be years away even if Congress acted quickly.

REUTERS

Bono African poverty



U2 lead singer Bono speaks during a news conference to present the 2008 DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) Report in Paris yesterday. The DATA Report 2008, released today by the organization ONE, shows the G8 failing in its Africa anti-poverty commitments.

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Kandahar battle grows

NATO, Afghan forces kill dozens of Taliban soldiers

Helicopter gunships and troops blasted a valley in southern Afghanistan yesterday in a huge offensive by NATO and local forces against Taliban insurgents, many of whom broke out of jail last week.

The defence ministry in Kabul said dozens of Taliban including foreign militants, were killed in a NATO air strike and two Afghan army officers also died in the operation, in Arghandab district outside Kandahar city.

Meanwhile some 800 Afghan government troops, backed by hundreds of mainly Canadian NATO soldiers, are fighting 200 to 400 Taliban insurgents who seized seven villages in the Arghandab district, just northwest of Kandahar, the regional base for NATO troops. It is less than a



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An Afghan army soldier patrols as British soldiers stand at a checkpoint in the southern city of Kandahar yesterday.

week since the Taliban freed some 1,000 prisoners, including more than 300 of their comrades, from a jail in the city after a suicide truck bomber rammed the main gate.

"There are setbacks ... the

prison breakout and the Arghandab operation, and there will be setbacks in the future," Canadian Major-General Marc Lessard, commander of NATO forces in southern Afghanistan, told Reuters in an interview.

Taliban spokesman Oari Mohammad Yousuf said militants had set their sights on Kandahar itself, the movement's birthplace, which lies about 20 kilometres from Arghandab.

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In Brief

» **FLOODING** The swollen Mississippi River ran over the top of at least 12 more levees yesterday, as floodwaters swallowed up more U.S. farmland, adding to billion-dollar losses and feeding global food inflation fears.

» **ELECTION** Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai yesterday predicted "a huge turnout" in a presidential election runoff despite what critics say is a campaign of violence and intimidation by the government. Tsvangirai, who leads the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC),

spoke to CBC Radio.

» **NUCLEAR** North Korea will soon produce a long-overdue declaration of its nuclear programs, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said yesterday.

» **GUANTANAMO** The U.S. District Court's chief judge said he met yesterday with lawyers for Guantanamo Bay prisoners and the Justice Department to go over security and procedural issues in view of a landmark ruling last week that allowed suspects to challenge their detention.

REUTERS

Three charged in death of Russian journalist

Russian prosecutors yesterday charged three men with a role in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya who was critical of the Kremlin's rights record in Chechnya, but her newspaper's editor said he did not believe the crime was solved.

A gunman shot Politkovskaya in her central Moscow apartment block in October 2006, a murder which shocked the West but

barely resonated in Russia outside a small band of intelligentsia who read her reports in the newspaper.

"Three figures are accused in the murder of the journalist," the Russian Prosecutor-General's office said in a statement.

A staunch Kremlin critic, Politkovskaya was well known in the West for her campaigning human rights reporting in Chechnya.

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Online ads exploding

Eyeballs migrate to Internet: Report

Internet advertising will continue to grow at a blistering pace in Canada, blossoming into a \$3.4 billion US industry over the next five years as more consumers migrate to their computers and mobile devices to access multimedia content, says a new report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers' latest Global Entertainment Media Outlook suggests that online advertising is already enjoying unparalleled growth in this country, soaring

access

» The report also notes that Internet access growth lost some momentum last year, coming in at 7.7 per cent to \$3.4 billion.

ing 33.2 per cent to \$1.3 billion last year.

By 2012, web-based advertising is expected to remain "Canada's fastest growing segment," boasting a

21.1 per cent compound annual growth rate to \$3.4 billion.

"Key word search, classified advertising, and online video advertising — full-motion video ads shown on the Internet — will be the fastest-growing components," said Jerry Brown, director of Pricewaterhouse Coopers' Canadian entertainment and media advisory practice.

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Time out Fuel protests hit Brussels



FRANCOIS LENOIR/REUTERS

A woman takes a nap as tractors clog the Belgian capital with farmers demonstrating against rising fuel costs yesterday. Taxi drivers and truckers conducted similar protests.

»news In Brief



» **OIL** Natural Resources Minister Gary Lunn will attend a June 22 meeting in Saudi Arabia that will bring together oil-consuming nations and producers.

» **NAFTA** Most Canadian manufacturers believe the North American Free Trade Agreement has helped their businesses grow, but a Deloitte survey of executives

released yesterday also shows they now need to seek new markets outside the continent to stay competitive.

» **TALKS** The Canadian Auto Workers and General Motors of Canada met again yesterday to try to resolve their bitter dispute over the closing of an Ontario truck plant, but the union said there was no progress.

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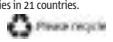


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World Championship-medalist Alison Forsyth, who had been rehabbing a knee injury sustained during the 2006 Olympics, announced her retirement yesterday from Canada's alpine ski team.

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Tiger caged until 2009

Golf superstar to have season-ending surgery

Tiger Woods will have reconstructive surgery on his left knee that will sideline him for the rest of the 2008 season, the world No. 1 said yesterday.

The 32-year-old defied jabbing pain all week before clinching his 14th major title at the U.S. Open on Monday, winning a 19-hole playoff against compatriot Rocco Mediate.

It was his first tournament in two months since having surgery to clean out cartilage in the knee two days after he played the Masters in mid-April.

Woods outlined that he would have reconstructive surgery on his anterior cruciate ligament, which he tore 11 months ago after last year's British Open at Carnoustie.

He also said he would require time off to rehabilitate a double stress fracture of his left tibia that was found last month and attributed to his intense rehabilitation and preparation for the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in San Diego.

"I know much was made of my knee throughout the last week, and it was important to me that I disclose my condition publicly at an appropriate time," Woods said in a statement on his official website.

"I wanted to be very respectful of the USGA (United States Golf Association) and their incredibly hard work, and make sure the focus was on the U.S. Open."

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"Now, it is clear that the right thing to do is to listen to my doctors, follow through with this surgery and focus my attention on rehabilitating my knee."

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Tiger Woods winces in pain after he misses a putt over the weekend. Woods announced he will be shutting it down for the rest of the season yesterday.

A not-so-Swede ending

Russia grabs last quarter-final spot

EURO 2008

Russia set up a Euro 2008 quarter-final with coach Guus Hiddink's native Netherlands after a deserved 2-0 win over Sweden in Group D yesterday completed the lineup for the last eight.

The Swedes, who only needed a draw to progress from the opening group stage which ended yesterday, join the already eliminated Greeks on an early flight home.

Germany plays Portugal in the first quarter-final today without their coach Joachim



Sweden's Henrik Larsson attempts a bicycle kick while Russia's Sergei Semak, left, looks on during their Group D match yesterday. Russia downed the Swedes 2-0 to advance.

Loew who has been suspended following his actions in the Austria game. Croatia faces Turkey tomorrow.

Netherlands, Russia meet Saturday and Spain and Italy round out the quarter-finals on Sunday.

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»sports In Brief

» **NBA** Boston police arrested 23 people early yesterday after celebrations of the Celtics' first NBA championship win in 22 years briefly turned violent with some fans smashing windows and assaulting police.

» **NBA** The Toronto Raptors and forward Jorge Garbajosa have agreed to a deal to buy out the remaining year left on the 30-year-old's contract. Financial terms were not disclosed.

» **NFL** Arizona Cardinals running back J.J. Arrington was arrested early yesterday morning after a fight broke out at a North Carolina nightclub. According to the Arizona Republic, Arrington was charged with disorderly conduct. The team is aware of the incident and seeking more information.

» **NHL** The Philadelphia Flyers dealt the rights to veteran centre Vaclav Prospal to the Tampa Bay Lightning yesterday. The Flyers acquired Nashville's 2008 seventh-round pick along with a conditional pick in 2009.

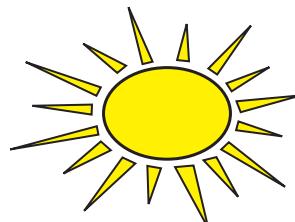
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Sixty per cent of Canadians use printers at work to print off personal documents. Companies need to consider what this may be doing to their bottom line.

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Do you use company provided technology to conduct personal business? If so, you are not alone.

This week Samsung Electronics in Canada released a survey about printer use at work that finds 60 per cent of people take time out of their workday to print personal materials, such as e-shopping paperwork, driving directions, online news articles, per-

haps even a resume or two. Samsung's head of Sales and Marketing Ron Hulse was not surprised by the finding, given how much blurring there is between work time and personal time. However, he notes "absorbing such costs can affect a company's bottom line."

Printing is not about to vanish. A senior manager at HP told me that they believe another generation will have to move through the workplace before we find the majority of people who are comfortable with information being stored in a computer rather than on a piece of paper.

Samsung's survey raises an interesting issue. Just how much should companies let employees use



Many people use the Internet at work for web surfing because the company link is faster than at home, surveys show.

company technology for non-work tasks?

From a company perspective such use is clearly not work related so it's seen as time wasted.

Yet in some ways, it's a case of time-shifting the workload as people take care of personal business during work hours, and doing more work during what used to be considered personal hours.

Many companies monitor their employees' e-mail and web surfing activities to make sure corporate secrets and/or personal information is not being sent off site. In addition, the risk of viruses posed by downloading personal material onto work computer systems keeps IT staff awake at night.

But despite such monitoring of what people do

while at work, a Harris Interactive survey in the U.S. a year ago showed that 69 per cent of office workers use the Internet at work for non-work purposes, the same percentage use company phones for personal calls and 55 per cent send and receive personal email on the company system.

Other surveys have shown that most people use the Internet at work for web surfing because the company Internet link is faster than the one at home. In many cases, younger workers who use technology all the time see no difference between the technology they use at home and what they do at work.

That kind of attitude may be what drives so

many companies to try and stop personal use of work technology.

However, it may be a struggle that can never be resolved.

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» This Sunday one of the stories on TECH NOW will look at the technology of radio-controlled airplanes as this region gets set to host North America's premiere flying event.

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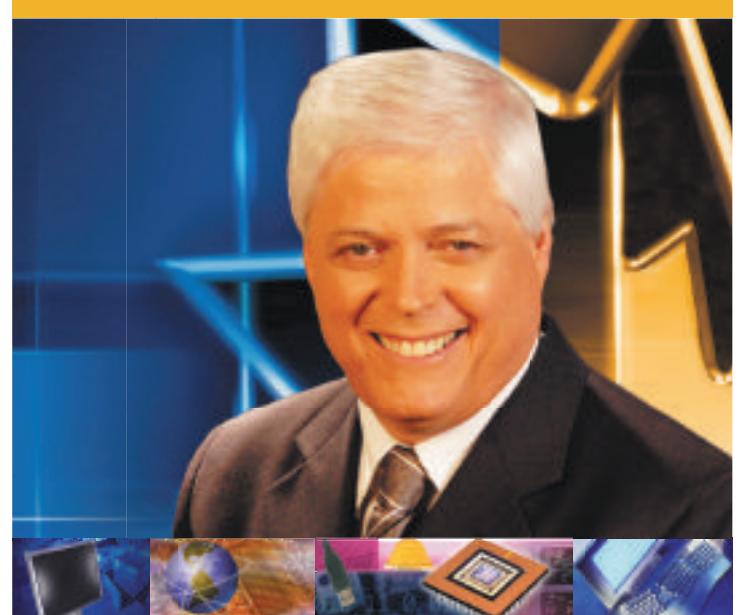
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When cleaning fabric lamp shades, Molly Maid cleaning service suggests vacuuming with an upholstery brush attachment, which is good at getting at dust in pleated shades.

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Grass still perennial favourite

Grass is not the only choice for your lawn these days, but the design team still believes nothing beats the sensuous experience of thick, healthy lawn against newly bare feet. Ahhhh!

Grass remains a perennial favourite with many folks, and why not? When it's well maintained, it looks green and lush, it filters pollution, it buffers hot temperatures, it absorbs water and it prevents soil erosion.

But poorly maintained grass can be an eyesore, looking patchy, worn, or dried out to a crisp. It certainly does not have a thick, healthy look. In fact, poorly maintained grass adds an air of neglect, which is a design crime.

Luckily, you can have a healthy lawn without using pesticides. As is often the case, preparation is paramount. First of all, make sure you have a good spot for a lawn — it should be even ground with a gentle slope for drainage. There should be no low spots since these will be-



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come waterlogged puddles after it rains.

Ideally, the soil should be deep (4 to 8 inches of topsoil), fertile, and loamy, meaning that it is a well-aerated mixture of sandy soil and organic matter. Soil with a lot of clay in it is a difficult medium for grass or any other plant (with the exception of weeds). It must be mixed with organic matter to loosen it up so that air and water can get through.

A lawn should enjoy a minimum of six hours of sunshine per day.

Most grass will tolerate only moderate foot traffic — look to your local schoolyard to see the effect on grass of too many little feet.

Check for pre-existing



A well-maintained lawn not only looks great, but serves as a buffer for hot temperatures and prevents soil erosion.

pests — insects, diseases and weeds. If you are sowing new grass, these must be removed, or they will return to haunt you. In an existing lawn, periodically pulling weeds seems to be a necessary evil. And remember that a couple of dandelions are not a huge problem — you just want to keep them from proliferating all over your lawn.

If the conditions are not ideal, you can try changing

your seeds. For example, Kentucky bluegrass likes lots of sunlight, especially morning sun. Fine fescues are shade tolerant and ryegrass has a good tolerance to wear. But, if you have a serious problem area — too much shade, for example, you may have to plant other species, such as a bed of hostas, which do well in the shade.

When it's dry, mow high — 2.5 to 3 inches, and make

sure your mower blades are sharp to avoid damaging grass. (If you've got a small lawn, consider a push mower.) In summer, when growth is not so fast, you can leave clippings on the grass after mowing. Clippings over .5 cm will smother your lawn, so you should rake it.

Watering should be done deeply and infrequently. Use a container on your lawn to measure how

much water you've used — water at least 1 inch of water, and do it only when conditions are dry, not on a scheduled basis. Too much water can lead to poor growing conditions and disease. The best watering time is morning.

Any existing lawn will benefit from a thin layer of compost mixed with soil raked over it. In late summer, spreading grass seed (overseeding) with a top-dressing of compost will work wonders. Aerating soil, or poking holes in the lawn to increase space for water and air is beneficial.

Finally, if your lawn is older and has a layer of thatch (dead grass and roots at the base) that is more than a half-inch thick, you must "dethatch" it. Do this by using a heavy rake to clean out the thatch layer — it can prevent water, air and nutrients from getting to the roots, and it can also provide cover for insects and diseases.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

Laundry room loaded with ways to help environment

While most Canadians know they should be doing something about the environment, 60 per cent still admit that when it comes to shopping decisions, they "stick to regular brands, not the natural ones."

As well, 92 per cent of Canadians agree that: "people talk a lot about doing some-

thing for the environment, but not many seem to actually be doing something about it."

Take a look at your laundry room — here are just a few responsible purchases you can make:

» **Purchase a front-load washing machine.** This efficient system cleans your

clothes by lifting them to the top of the tub and then dropping them into the water below. Front loading machines can handle 5 to 9 kilos of clothes at a time and yet they fill only partly with water and wash best with low-suds detergent. Front-load washers save water and energy.

» **Switch to a biodegradable laundry detergent:** Angus Reid reports 75 per cent of Canadians are concerned about the effects soaps and laundry detergents have on the environment. Detergents are changing and becoming more environmentally conscious. Among those leading the pack, for example,

is the newest line of Purex detergent called Natural Elements. It is biodegradable. The ingredients of this 2X ultra concentrate biodegrade in just 28 days.

» **Install a Dry Vent Switch:** To conserve energy and lower your heating costs, why not direct your electric dryer vent indoors? There are

several kits available with high-quality lint traps so you can quickly re-direct the warm air inside. The dryer stays attached to the outdoor vent, but if you like, just flip a switch to indoor. Caution: check your municipal codes for guidelines on this procedure and never vent a gas dryer indoors.

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food



Typically paired with strawberries or apples and seasoned with cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, lemon and orange, rhubarb is made into pies, crisps, cobblers, muffins or jams.

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Spring's fresh face

Recognized by its large, green elephant-ear-like leaves and long stalks, rhubarb is often called the harbinger of spring, as it is the earliest vegetable — along with asparagus — to push its way out of the ground. Depending on region and climate, stalks of fresh, field-grown rhubarb can be found from May through to July. Rhubarb's rather intriguing personality — tart yet easily dominated by other flavours — is why it works in both sweet and savoury dishes. Rhubarb can make tasty relishes, chutneys and sauces to serve with chicken or pork.



3 eggs
2/3 cup (150 mL) sugar
2 cups (500 mL) milk
1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
5 cups (1.25 mL) cubed day-old French or Italian bread, in 3/4-inch (2 cm) cubes
1/4 cup (50 mL) sliced almonds

METHOD: Combine rhubarb and jam (microwave jam a few seconds to liquefy it slightly); set aside.

In large bowl, whisk eggs with sugar; whisk in milk and vanilla. Stir in bread cubes. Stir in rhubarb mixture. Pour into lightly greased 9-inch (23 cm) square baking dish or pan. Sprinkle with almonds.

Place pan in slightly larger pan; pour boiling water into large pan to come two-thirds up side of smaller pan. Bake



Field rhubarb is the most prevalent, but "forced" or greenhouse rhubarb, shown here, is available in February to early May. This rhubarb is tender, has pink stalks and small yellowish leaves. It generally needs less sugar and cooks to a pretty pink colour.

in preheated 350°F (180°C) oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until puffed and golden on top. Serve warm.

backyard, twist off stalks rather than cutting. Pick slender stalks, one stalk should yield about 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped and avoid

eating the leaves as they

contain a potential toxin

called oxalic acid.

• Storage:

Wrap rhubarb in damp paper towels to keep the stalks moist, and place in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for a few days. For longer storage, rhubarb is a breeze to freeze; just chop it into pieces and place in airtight freezer bags. Thaw completely and drain well before cooking.

• Preparation: Wash rhubarb, then slice or dice according to recipe. One pound (500 g) raw rhubarb yields about 3 cups (750 mL) sliced fruit. If overly mature, it may need to have its fibrous strings removed. Rhubarb browns naturally when cooked, but avoid aluminum or cast-iron pans or it will darken considerably. While quite fibrous, rhubarb is also 95 per cent water, so it cooks down to a sauce-like

consistency within 10 minutes of cooking. It tastes sweeter once cooked, so add a minimum of sugar before cooking, then add more to taste after cooking. A squeeze of fresh lemon also brings out its flavour.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

just a bite



Top cereals with roasted rhubarb

BREAKFAST Aside from 'stewing rhubarb', i.e. cooking rhubarb with sugar and a small amount of water in a saucepan or microwave until it becomes a sauce, an interesting way to cook rhubarb is to 'roast' it.

Toss 3 cups (1 L) chopped rhubarb with 1/3 cup (75 mL) brown sugar and place in a shallow parchment-paper lined baking pan. Roast at 350°F (180°C) for 10 minutes or until tender. This intensifies the flavour and preserves the colour — nice to add to your morning yogurt or cereal.

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» FACTS Rhubarb is a hardy perennial that grows well in our northern climate as it needs a long dormant period (winter). Variety, rather than colour determines sweetness (if you can use that word for it), and generally the more slender the stalk, the more tender.

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Rhubarb and Strawberry Bread Pudding

If your garden or local market has fresh rhubarb, here is a recipe to try. Bread cubes should be slightly dried out. Lay out in single layer on baking sheet to dry slightly.

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups (750 mL) chopped rhubarb (1/2-inch/1 cm pieces)
1/2 cup (125 mL) strawberry or raspberry jam

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Anita Stewart is an author, food columnist, magazine writer and culinary activist but, most importantly, a tireless and passionate promoter of Canadian food. Anita Stewart's Canada is published by Harper Collins Canada, who've offered Metro a delicious, simple recipe from the book:

Wine-Braised Veal Shanks (Osso Buco)

Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking. I love it with buttermilk-mashed potatoes. The essential flavour-

ing is called gremolata, a mixture that always has lemon, garlic and parsley in it. Some cooks add anchovies, too. It's quickly minced with a mezzaluna, a two-handled rounded knife that's becoming more widely available in Canada.

INGREDIENTS:

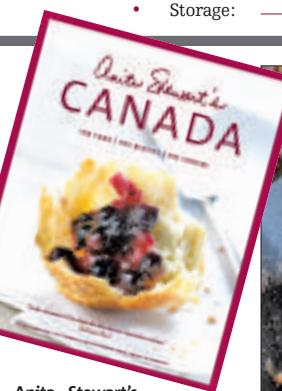
6 veal shanks (about 3 lb/1.5 kg)
All-purpose flour, for dredging
2 tbsp (30 mL) canola oil
3 cups (750 mL) dry white wine
1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) salt
1 tbsp (15 mL) tomato paste

GREMOLATA:

1 lemon
1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped fresh parsley
2 or 3 cloves garlic

METHOD: Dredge the veal shanks in flour, shaking off any excess. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. In batches, brown the veal thoroughly on both sides. Add wine to almost cover the meat. Sprinkle with salt; cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes or until the veal is tender. Stir in the tomato paste and add more wine if the mixture is too dry. Cover and cook gently for 30 to 45 minutes longer.

Gremolata: Remove the rind from the lemon with a vegetable peeler. Using a mezzaluna, sharp knife or a food processor, mince the peel very finely with the



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parsley and garlic. About 15 minutes before serving, sprinkle the gremolata over the veal. Cover and heat thoroughly.

Transfer the shanks and the sauce that has formed to a wide serving bowl. Serve with warm crusty bread onto which diners can spread the marrow.



Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking.

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entertainment



Actress Sienna Miller, left, has confirmed she will play the role of Maid Marian in a film remake of Robin Hood. BBC NEWS ONLINE

Coldplay disc more 'sexy'

Chris Martin jokes with press ahead of tour launch

Coldplay front man Chris Martin said this week the British band's new album was more "sexy" than the critically acclaimed *X&Y* that was released in 2005.

Joking with the press and appearing more relaxed than during sometimes tense exchanges with British journalists in recent days, Martin and his bandmates were in Barcelona to give a free concert ahead of a tour of North America, Japan and Europe.

Martin briefly walked out of a radio interview last week, accusing the host of "twisting" his words.

"I think we are definitely more handsome now than



Coldplay's new album is now available in stores.

we were three years ago," Martin joked. "I think that's reflected in our music, it's much more sexy."

Viva La Vida or Death And All His Friends is the eagerly anticipated followup to *X&Y* and stormed to the top of the British album charts on Sunday. Its biggest commercial test, in the key U.S. market, comes this week.

X&Y sold an estimated 10

million copies worldwide, and if *Viva La Vida* can match that tally, Coldplay's record label EMI will breath a huge sigh of relief.

The label, taken into private hands in 2007, lost Paul McCartney and Radiohead in 2007 and could see the Rolling Stones leave in 2008, according to industry experts.

Martin, married to actress

Gwyneth Paltrow, said Coldplay had been surprised at how personal some of the new album was.

"When you finish a big tour two things go through your head: one is maybe we need to do the same thing again and again because the most people will like that.

"But after about two weeks, you forget that you've ever been popular, and so all the music you write becomes very personal and it's only now when we are releasing it that we realize how personal it is."

Reviews of *Viva La Vida* have been generally positive, and a free pre-tour concert in London on Monday night was also warmly received.

The band worked with renowned producer Brian Eno on their fourth album,

after Eno volunteered to collaborate with them, according to drummer Will Champion. "We wanted to find someone who had the same effect on us as Brian Eno did on U2 and David Bowie, and Talking Heads, all these incredible bands that we love." REUTERS

downloading

Kid Rock explains iTunes boycott

MUSIC Kid Rock is refusing to put his albums on iTunes because he says artists do not get paid enough for downloads from the Apple store, BBC News Online reports.

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Actresses Sienna Miller, left, and Keira Knightley pose for a photocall ahead of tonight's world premiere of *The Edge of Love* at Edinburgh Castle yesterday in Edinburgh, Scotland.

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music

Lil Wayne tops 1M sales in first week

CHARTS With *Tha Carter III*, Lil Wayne becomes the first artist since 50 Cent in 2005 to sell more than 1 million copies of an album in a single week, according to chart reports issued yesterday by Nielsen SoundScan.

In its first week on the market, *Tha Carter III* (Cash Money/Universal) sold just over 1 million units. The last album to top that milestone was 50 Cent's *The Massacre* in March 2005.

No album in 2006 sold as many as 800,000 copies in a single frame, and the largest sales week since *The Massacre* belonged to Kanye West's *Graduation*, which netted an opener of 957,000 copies when it hit stores on Sept. 11, 2007.

Lil Wayne first appeared on the *Billboard 200* in 1999. His previous biggest sales week was a 238,000-unit start for *Tha Carter II* in 2005.

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Spike Lee, right, will co-write and direct *Time Traveler*, an adaptation of a memoir by Ronald Mallett, one of the first African-Americans to earn a PhD in theoretical physics, who had a lifelong obsession with inventing a time machine.

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Badu's sonic backdrop

Singer follows up spring hit with summer album

By TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

"I guess you call it to the left," Erykah Badu says of her music, specifically *New Amerykah: Pt. 1 (4th World War)*, her latest album.

It ventures beyond the soul-blues-jazz for which she was initially known into p s y c h o - h i p - h o p - blaxploitation-dub. Call it a sonic backdrop that matches her lyrics that have always been challenging — think obscure references to the Five Percent Nation or Kemetic Orthodoxy, a traditional Egyptian religion.

Ever since 1997, when



Erykah Badu says her new album is "to the left."

she leapt into the public eye with her Grammy-winning blues-soul debut *Baduizm*, Badu has been considered slightly kooky. There were the towering head wraps, oversized Ankhs, burning incense and concerts turned tea parties. Years later, when

a journalist outed her for wearing artificial dreadlocks, she took to wearing enormous Afro and pageboy boy wigs, which she is now known to fling off mid-concert and arrange backwards on her head.

Yes, Badu, whose current stage show involves play with stability balls, tapping

out eerie sounds on a Mac and stage diving, has always been, at least publicly, strange. But in an R&B landscape full of copycat sex vixens, her trippy persona and evolution from neo-soul hippie to funk priestess has made her a beloved icon.

Though her fans have followed her through her shift away from neo-soul into cosmic crooning, people who fell in love with her more frankincense-and-myrrh leanings will be pleased to know that her next album, tentatively called *New Amerykah Pt. 2: Return of the Ankh* promises old-school Badu.

"This is a very mental record," she says of *Pt. 1*, which sounds like what might happen if Bjork went hip hop and R&B. "The sec-

ond one is very emotional. During 1997 through 1999, there was a certain feeling I had; I was studying Kemetics. That's the feeling I have when I listen to the second part. It's a return of that feeling and time, and it reminds me of Baduizm."

A taste of the new album, due later this summer, is out now. *Honey*, a gooey love song, is called the current album's hidden track, which is only half-true considering it's the only song from *Pt. 1* to get released as a single and earn a video.

"That's the sound," she says of *Pt. 2* before explaining that the progression between the songs was organic. "When we made it, we hadn't split the songs up. But that's the kind of stuff Erykah does."

movies

Borat followup set for next summer

BRUNO Bruno, Sacha Baron Cohen's follow-up to *Borat*, has been scheduled by Universal Pictures for a May 15, 2009, release.

Like the title character in the hit *Borat*, Bruno is based on a skit character — this time an Austrian faux fashionista — from Cohen's former HBO series, *Da Ali G Show*.

So far, Sony's Tom Hanks-starring mystery drama *Angels & Demons*, based on the Dan Brown novel, represents the only competition for *Borat* in its release slot.

Borat, which 20th Century Fox opened in November 2006, had a better-than-expected bow of \$26.5 million and went on to gross \$128.5 million domestically.

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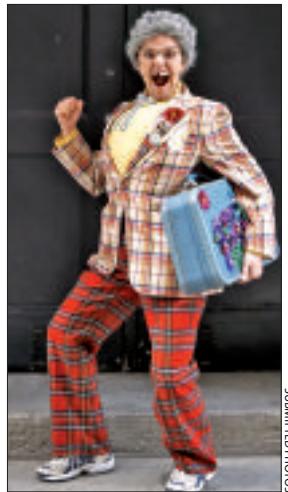
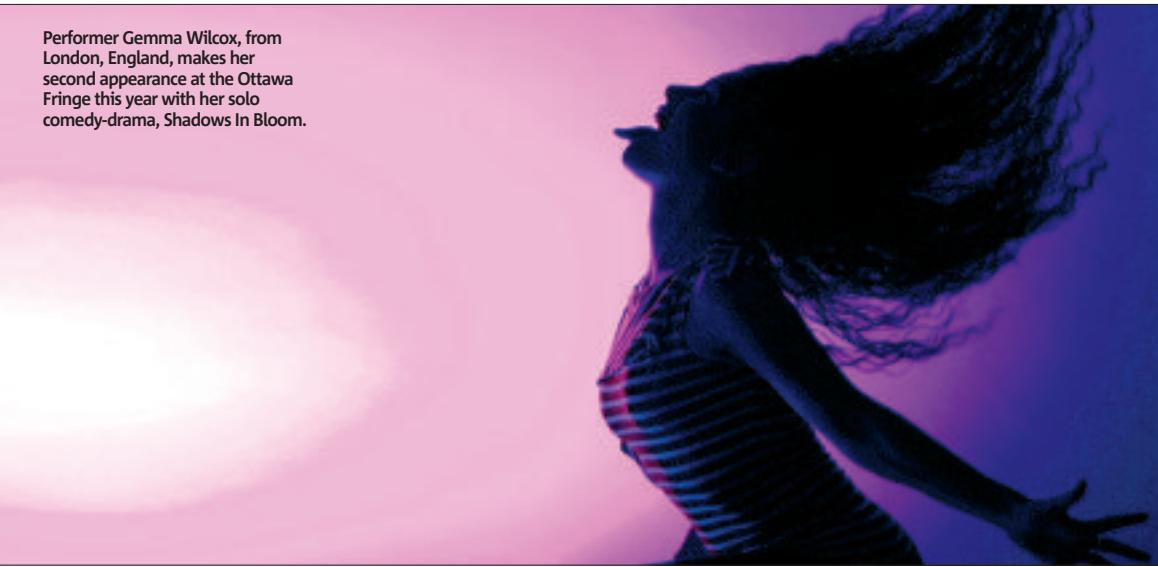
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Performer Gemma Wilcox, from London, England, makes her second appearance at the Ottawa Fringe this year with her solo comedy-drama, *Shadows In Bloom*.



SARAH LIPINSKI

Ottawa native Rachelle Elie stars in the absurd comedy *JOE: The Perfect Man*, beginning tomorrow.

Friendly Fringe

Theatre, arts festival covers range of styles

By KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
for Metro Ottawa

Laughter, friendship and fond memories are what Kevin Waghorn hopes patrons and performers take away from this year's Ottawa Fringe Festival, which kicks off today in downtown Ottawa.

With the theme "Kamp Fringe," the theatre and arts festival includes acts from both near and far, and a wide range of styles, covering themes of love, sex, death, and rock 'n' roll.

And as eccentric as some of the shows can be, Waghorn insists that — just as all kids can find that one thing about summer camp that makes them want to come back year after year — audiences find something to love at Kamp Fringe.

"To those who have never ventured to a Fringe show, I guess I would say come check it out because it's not as weird as you think it is," Waghorn says with a laugh.

"There are 52 shows to choose

from, and so many varied and interesting shows, so it's easy for everyone to find something they'll like."

The festival is designed to have 50 per cent local productions, 35 per cent national and 15 international, but the content and creativity of those shows is entirely up to the artists, Waghorn explains.

Local companies such as the Ottawa School of Speech and Drama, Vision Theatre and Mutatis Mutandis will produce shows, along with companies from across Canada and as far away as New Zealand and Australia.

As with all festivals that are part of the Canadian Association of Fringe Festivals, the shows at Ottawa's Fringe are selected in a non-juried process, and all ticket revenue is returned directly to the performers themselves.

For Nadine Thornhill, a local theatre artist whose show *Wedding Night* will make its premiere at the festival, that freedom to explore art creatively in such an open environment is what makes the Fringe such a supportive environment.

"We are very excited to have (*Wedding Night*) premiere at the Fringe. It's the kind of show that's meant to be light and funny, but might make people think about relationships and modern society too," explains Thornhill.

After she became a mom, and took a hiatus from acting, Thornhill

says she needed some creative outlet, so she decided to pen her first play. Co-directed with her friend and artistic colleague Danielle Greigoire, and featuring a cast of local performers, the play focuses on the highs and lows one couple goes through once the vows and toasts have finished, and the newlyweds are alone together in the "honeymoon suite."

Thornhill says the play is accessible, with a traditional narrative structure and modern, real characters.

"Mine is a bit more mainstream than some I guess, but one of my favourite things about the Fringe is that you do have these wildly expressive and avant-garde forms of theatre you can't see anywhere else," she explains.

The festival also exposes audiences to international shows, and Waghorn said he was thrilled to have a record number of international performers apply this year.

"I think the buzz is growing about our festival because artists hear that our audiences are generous to performers. They like coming here because it's a good size festival — not too big or too small — and the logical stop on that Montreal-Ottawa-Toronto circuit," says Waghorn.

Gemma Wilcox, an artist from London, England, will make her second appearance at the Ottawa Fringe, with *Shadows in Bloom* — a multi-character, solo work that is

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Kevin Waghorn,
of the Ottawa Fringe Festival



Music and mayhem ensue in Glen Callender's comedy *Transcendental Masturbation*, starting Saturday at the Fringe.

actually a follow-up to last year's acclaimed show, *The Honeymoon Period Is Officially Over*.

Wilcox said she was thrilled to be a part of Ottawa's Fringe last year, and is eager to experience the friendly festival atmosphere for the next 10 days.

"It is a great Fringe to see lots of shows, without getting overwhelmed, and to really connect with other artists. I also love the venues and the easy accessibility of them, not to mention the beautiful city," says Wilcox.

Touring a show overseas and across North America can be challenging physically, mentally and financially for many theatre artists. Wilcox says she's made a successful run of it so far with the help of a

zero per cent interest credit card, saving air miles and gratefully accepting donations.

"If you are a solo artist, who also knows how to market, design, promote, as well as have a good show, you can do quite well," she explains.

Regardless of whether they are coming from down the street or across the ocean, Waghorn says he is continually impressed by the creativity and artistic commitment he sees from both Fringe performers and patrons.

"The geography of having all our venues within a few blocks supports a close community and the lines get blurred between patrons and performers, which I think makes it a really positive atmosphere for everyone."

if you want to go...

» The Ottawa Fringe Festival runs until June 29. Advance tickets are available online (www.ottawafringe.com) or by contacting the office (613-232-6162). You can only buy advance tickets up to the day before the performance.

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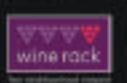
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Johnny keeps his promises

New hat for 12-year-old:

Johnny Depp is a cat in the hat one 12-year-old will never forget, *People.com* reports. Playing 1930's bank robber John Dillinger — American's Most Wanted at the time — for his upcoming movie *Public Enemies*, Depp was shooting on location in Wisconsin in

April when he was observed on the set by local boy Jack Taylor, who especially admired Depp/Dillinger's

hat. In fact, the boy wanted the fedora, and asked the actor if he could have it. Depp, 45, said Taylor could, once the movie was finished. Last week, reports the Oshkosh, Wis., newspaper the Northwestern, Depp made good on his promise. Taylor received the hat. The leading man's rep also included gifts for Taylor's four siblings from Depp's *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory*, as well as a note from the star himself, telling Jack to enjoy what was sent. Now Taylor is at work on a thank-you note. His parents are helping.

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Rivers gets boot for cursing

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APOLOGY: Joan Rivers was thrown off a live TV show after branding Russell Crowe a "f***ing s**t" on Wednesday.

The comedienne was a guest on Britain's *Loose Women* when she lashed out at the Oscar-winning actor. Joan was asked to leave during the commercial break, according to *femalefirst.co.uk*. Joan later claimed she hadn't realized the program was live and unable to bleep her comments.

"Yes, I swore, and I'm so f***ing sorry. No one told me the TV show '*Loose Women*' was a reality show and that I would be voted off," she said.

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baby dream

SECRET SHARED:

Paris Hilton has had a secret shared. Her man Benji Madden reportedly flapped his gums on a U.S. radio show, according to *Sky News*. He popped into Ryan Seacrest's radio show with brother Joel and said about his relationship with Paris: "I'm so beyond happy. Of course, when you're that happy, you think about everything." When asked if he worries about having kids, Benji replied: "Not at all. I mean, she's my best friend."

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Tabloids taught Ivanka Trump

DIVORCE: Ivanka Trump says that as kids, she and her brothers Donald Jr. and Eric learned the tawdry details of their parents' scandalous divorce by reading *The New York Post*, *Pagesix.com* reports. The gorgeous blonde tells next month's *Town & Country* they found out Donald was caught carrying on with model Marla Maples from the newspaper. "We'd come home from

school having read [about them on the cover of *The Post*]," she reveals.

The most jolting possibly being: "Marla Boasts to Pals about Donald: BEST SEX I EVER HAD."

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Celebrity brief

Tyler intimidated by Norton's bod

THE INCREDIBLE HULK: Liv Tyler dreaded shooting romantic scenes with her *The Hulk* co-star Ed Norton — because she felt the actor's lean physique put her own to shame, *imdb.com* reports. The *Fight Club* star toned up for his role as Bruce Banner, the scientist who transforms into the raging green monster. And Tyler, who plays Banner's girlfriend Betty, was so intimidated, she didn't want to be filmed standing next to him.

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Celebrity brief

SEX SCENES: Angelina Jolie was reluctant to film sex scenes with James McAvoy in *Wanted* — because she prefers filming romps with partner Brad Pitt. McAvoy described filming sex scenes with Jolie as "sweaty and uncomfortable." But Jolie is unfazed by the comments; she prefers to film sex scenes with her beau Pitt, "you know, in general."

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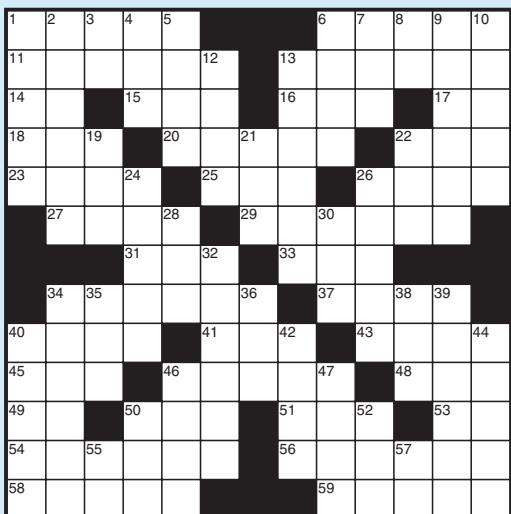
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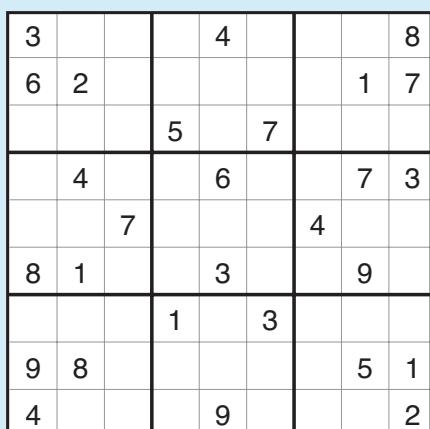
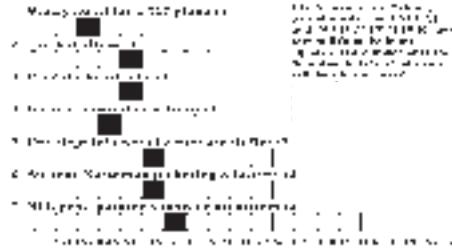
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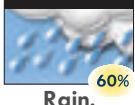
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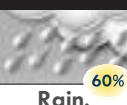
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Have a reliable person edit your work. Pay attention when putting friends into vehicles. Your days of loneliness are over.

CANCER | June 22-July 22

A bossy person interferes when you do a dirty job. Someone's inadequacy can lead to a calamity. Therapeutic action will show results.

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Someone in despair senses manipulation. Obsessing over trivialities raises eyebrows. A helper teaches you more than enough.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Put a new investment strategy into effect. A bad situation causes remarks to flare. A kind woman tries to spare your feelings.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Sensitivity may cause artistic problems. Take a burden off a tired person's shoulders. A man wants something precious.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A sorry fool takes you on a flight of fancy. A friend has an ailment and needs help. Be cautious in word and deed.

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Plan to get away from a loudmouth. Don't pitch a fit in public. Your creative flair battles with self-criticism.

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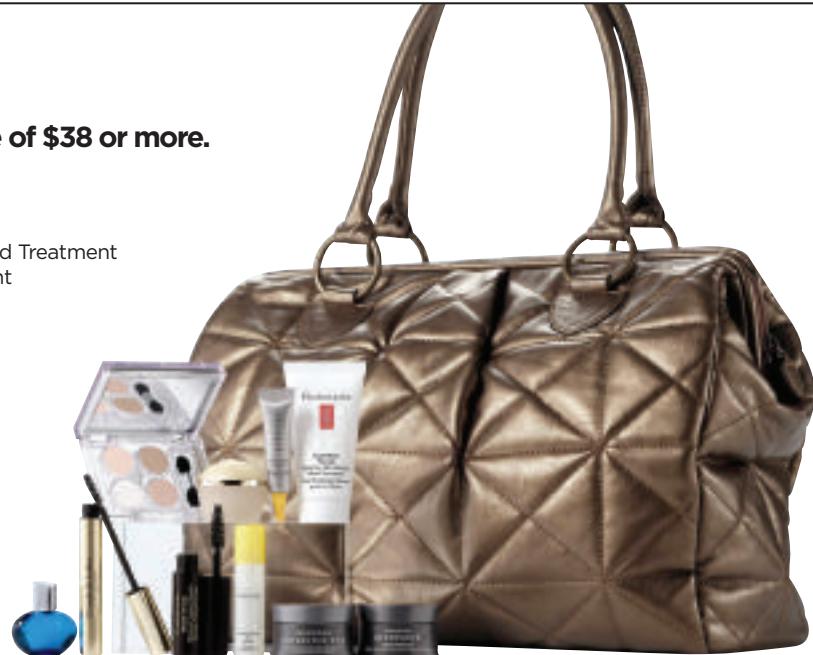
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